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SUBJ: UNAUTHORIZED TRANSSHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS LIST EQUIPMENT

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1. EMBOFFS VISITED ELSINORE SHPYARD ON AUGUST 11 AND VIEWED THE THE COLLINS RADIO/ROCKWELL AN/GRC 171 TRANSCEIVER (SERIAL NUMBER 10507) AT THE OFFICE OF THE SHIPYARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, JORGEN LARSEN. PRESENT WAS TECHNICAIN FROM BRITISH FIRM RADIOFN WHO HAD INSTALLED AND REMOVED THE EQUIPMENT. DISCUSSION PROGRESSED SATISFACTORILY UNTIL SHIPYARD MANAGING DIRECTOR, H.ESMA-OLESEN, APPEARED. HE EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN THAT IRAQIS MIGHT REFUSE ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE VESSEL, SCHEDULED FOR TWO WEEKS FROM AUGUST 11, IF SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT ORSUITABLE SUBSTITUTE WAS NOT INSTALLED. BRITISH TECHNICIAN INDICATED REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ORDERED FROM RADIFON. (OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IS A STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH RADIFON TECHNICIAN PRIOR TO ESMANN-OLESEN'S APPEARANCE THAT DURING RECENT SEA TRIALS ALL THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WAS TESTED EXCEPT THE COLLINS/ROCKWELL AN/GRC 171. HE SAID THE IRAQIS APPEARED TO HAVE NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN IT. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS MIGHT INDICATE THE TRANSCEIVER WOULD NOT REMAIN WITH THE SHIP AFTER DELIVERY TO THE IRAQIS. END COMMENT.)  
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2. WE INFORMED ESMANN-OLESEN THAT INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON THE IRAQI VESSEL WOULD BE VIOLATION OF US MUNITIONS CONTROL REGS AND COULD RESULT IN BANNING OF FUTURE SALES TO ELSINORE SHIPYARD OF PRODUCTS UNDER US EXPORT CONTROLS. HE STATED THAT THE

EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN AT THE SHIPYARD UNTIL A SUBSTITUTE WAS PROVIDED BY RADIFON AND INDICATED THAT SHOULD IRAQIS INSIST ON THIS PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT BEING INSTALLED ON THE VESSEL, THE SHIPYARD WOULD BE FORCED TO DO SO.

3. EMBOFF THEN POINTED OUT THAT AS ELSINORE SHIPYARD IS A SUBSIDIARY OF LAURITZEN A/S, WHICH HAS SHIPS VISITING THE US AND WHICH HAS OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND WHICH, THEREFORE, WOULD BE SUBJECT TO US JURISDICTION, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE UP THE DISPOSITION OF THE TRANSCEIVER ON A HIGHER LEVEL, IE WITH THE PARENT FIRM.

4. WHILE THIS TELEGRAM WAS IN PREPARATION ON AUGUST 14, THE SHIPYARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, JORGEN LARSEN, TELEPHONED TO STATE THAT ESMANN-OLSEN DIRECTED HIM TO INFORM US THAT THE QUOTE SMALL THEATRE UNQUOTE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE EMBOFFS VISIT WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RADIOFN TECHNICAIN AND WAS DESIGNED TO PUT THE SQUEEZE ON RADIFON TO DELIVER SUBSTITUTE EQUIPMENT. LARSEN STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THE EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PLACED ABOARD THE IRAQI VESSEL. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT, WE DON NOT PLAN TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE WITH THE LAURITZEN COMPANY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY.

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